(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस रैकेट के संबंध में कोई जांच कराई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उक्त जांच के बाद सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

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(ख) फिलहाल इस संबंध में अखबारों में जो आया है उससे अधिक ब्यौरा उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ग) और (घ) मामले की जांच की जा रही है जांच का काम अभी पूरा नहीं हुआ है।

Flood affected rail lines in Gujarat

2587. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past some railway tracks passing through the tribal areas in the State of Gujarat were washed away by flood waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these railway lines have not been restored causing difficulties to the inhabitants of these areas in the State;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government propose to restore these railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The sections are

i) Chhotaudepur-Bodelli
ii) Ankleshwar-Rajpipla
iii) Jhagadiya-Netrang
iv) Kosamba-Umarpada

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The lines have not been restored, but these sections have adequate road connections to serve the needs of the inhabitants of the area. Restoration of the sections would involve heavy cost which would be uneconomical in view of the meagre traffic.

Rail coach factory in Orissa

2588. SHRI MAURICE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a rail coach factory in Orissa, particularly in its tribal areas;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) No. Sir. There are two coach manufacturing units with Indian Railways, one at Madras and one at Kapurthala. Each factory can manufacture about 1000 coaches per year. In addition, there are two factories in the Public Sector that are capable of manufacturing coaches.

With the available coach manufacturing capacity in the country, there is no justification to set up another coach manufacturing unit.

Intensive Cotton Development Programme

2589. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to amount disbursed, district-wise, to the cotton growing States during the last three years under the modified Intensive Cotton Development Programme;

(b) the activities which are taken up under this programme;

(c) the quantifiable difference in cotton production due to this programme; and

(d) the steps to be taken to popularise this programme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Funds are released under the scheme by

Government of India State-wise and not district-wise. The amount released to the Cotton growing States under Intensive Cotton Development Programme during last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96) are given in statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) To increase production and productivity of cotton, the activities taken up under the scheme include transfer of technology through field domonstrations, Integrated Pest Management Demonstrations and farmers' training as well as incentives for critical inputs like seeds, farm implements, sprinkler sets, pheromone traps etc. As a result of implementation of ICDP, the cotton production which was 70.1 lakh bales in 1980-81, increased to 121.09 lakh bales in 1994-95.

Statement

State-wise details of funds released under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) during last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96) (Central share).

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
		Amount released	Amount released	Amount released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	NR	NR	NR
2.	Gujarat	45.65	11.65	59.50
3.	Haryana	58.71	31.919	79.50
4.	Karnataka	24.86	59.4275	46.90
5.	Madhya Pradesh	20.33	NR	29.90
6.	Maharashtra	71.58	81.96	313.93
7.	Orissa	3.48	3.1405	11.0
8.	Punjab	151.15	227.775	163.0
9.	Rajasthan	88.35	69.4125	108.40
10.	Tamil Nadu	200.06	300.94	176.60
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1.73	1.7735	8.00
	TOTAL:	665.90	1088.00	996.73

NR-Not released

लाभांश देयताओं को माफ करने के संबंध में स्वीकृति

2590. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेलवे ने वर्ष 1995-96 में 1,300 करोड़ रुपए मूल्य के लाभांश दायित्वों को माफ किए जाने के लिए मंत्रिमंडल से स्वीकृति मांगी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेलवे द्वारा 1,300 करोड़ रुपये के लाभांश दायित्वों की माफी के लिए स्वीकृति मांगे जाने का क्या औचित्य है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।